GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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BONDED LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bonded labourers in the country have been liberated during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise/State-wise; and

(c) the details of the new schemes to rehabilitate these bonded labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 a Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme is in operation since 1978 and modified in May 2000. Under this scheme grant is provided to the State Governments/UTs for survey of bonded labour, awareness generation and evaluatory studies, with a view to identify the bonded labour. A matching contribution on 50:50 basis subject to Rs.10,000/- maximum is also provided to the State Governments/UTs under the said scheme for rehabilitation of freed bonded labourer. The number of identified and rehabilitated bonded labourers for the years 2003-04 to 2005-06 (year-wise/State-wise) is Annexed.

NUMBER OF BONDED LABOURERS RELEASED AND REHABILITETED YEAR WISE /STATE WISE

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Year Andhra Bihar Haryana Karnataka M. P. Orissa Rajasthan U.P. Jharkhand Uttaranchal West
 Pradesh          Bengal


2003-04 1699    314     0     0 0 39 10    398 0   5 0
2004-05 0 281 0 64 265 19 0 41 196 0 0
2005-06 0 141 31 0 38 0 0 149 0 0 32
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